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TO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN PRIORITY

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TAGS: DA KN PFOR

SUBJECT: DANISH RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

1. DANISH MINISTER COUNSELOR CHRISTENSEN INFORMED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER IN EA MAY 18 AT 3:00 P. M. THAT DANISH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER TO NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR THERE ON MAY 21, 1973, FOLLOWING NOTE: BEGIN TEXT: QTE IN LIGHT OF ITS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN NORMAL AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORIES THEY CLAIM TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK PROPOSES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA THAT TALKS BE INITIATED BETWEEN THE TWO
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GOVERNMENTS ON THE NORMALISATION OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AMONG OTHER THINGS WITH THE VIEW TO ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED TALKS BE OPENED IN COPENHAGEN AT A DATE AGREEABLE TO THE TWO PARTIES. END QTE
END TEXT.

2. SNEIDER ASKED IF GOD PLANNED TO INFORM REPUBLIC OF KOREA. CHRISTENSEN SAID HE WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT HIS INSTRUCTIONS PERMITTED NOTIFICATION TO ROK, BUT HE WOULD REPORT SNEIDER'S QUERY AND SUBSEQUENT RECOMMENDATION TO DO SO TO HIS GOVERNMENT. SNEIDER SAID HE REGRETTED GOD DECISION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS NO APPARENT PRESSURE FOR RECOGNITION AND WHEN SUCH ACTION WOULD LESSEN INCENTIVE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH KOREA. CHRISTENSEN SAID THEY HAD GONE OVER THIS GROUND MANY TIMES AND USG VIEWS HAD ALWAYS BEEN TRANSMITTED FAITHFULLY TO COPENHAGEN, BUT THE MATTER WAS FINALLY SETTLED.

3. CHRISTENSEN SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED TO INFORM US THAT ROK CHARGE IN COPENHAGEN WOULD BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE. RUSH

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